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I would like to see cannabis legalized and descheduled completely. I firmly believe that everyone in CT should be allowed to grow marijuana without any limit to the amount of plants grown. The historical and present day medicinal use and benefits are profound. As a aspiring entrepreneur in the future cannabis industry in Connecticut. I would like laws to allow extremely small businesses such as the one I would like to establish to be allowed to grow and sell end products from our own harvest. ..I understand that there are laws in effect in MA that prevent growers to sell end products and some CT advocates would like to mimic MA laws. There are plenty farm /garden to table restaurants and i would also like to see cannabis included in farm to table establishments and served fresh at holistic cafes and healing centers..

I would like to have a business where I am allowed to grow high grade organic cannabis and juice it fresh as you would wheat grass and other superfood juices. There are no regulations in place that prevent restaurants from growing their own herbs and vegetables to cook serve and offer to the community. However I do believe that to ensure quality this privilege should be allowed to small local business.

I just want to make sure that the law would allow me and/or other small businesses to grow and juice and consume fresh cannabis and provide it to the community..While in its raw form cannabis has low to no thc and very well may be considered hemp in this fresh form.....If fresh cannabis is considered hemp then maybe this is a mute point. Fresh cannabis juice is extremely nutritious and beneficial for everyone over the age of one and I would like to see it be allowed for consumption in raw form for all ages as my children have autism and a cannabnoid system that is malnourished and I have found that cbd is very beneficial Based of the positive results I have witnessed with cbd, I assume that other cannabinoids other than thc would also be effective and nurishing and beneficial to their development.

I want to prevent the creation of any financial regulations that would not allow extremely low income individuals to partake in this industry. Equity is important. That means that any licences should not cost thousands of dollars before start up. Any licenses needed should cost less than \$200 and there should not be more than 5 licenses necessary...Extremely Small businesses should not have to renew licenses each year maybe evey 2 -5years.

I would like to see CT do somethings different like ensure 85% Cannabis business are owned by Connecticut residents. This would allow profits to stay within our state and become reinvested in our state instead of others taking profits out of the state to build their own communities elsewhere in the USA. It would be nice to mandate companies from foreign states wanting to open cannabis establishments, to reinvest a percentage of thiers earnings into the local communities in CT. This would ensure that we are building and enriching our community instead of others. This income can also be used to repair infrastructure and decaying CT roads instead of installing Tolls.

Thank you for your time.
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